The Hon’ble the Speaker & Gent. of the Assembly

The Petition of Tilman Huffman humbly Sheweth that he was a Militia Soldier from the County of Culpeper at the Siege of York at the Capture of Cornwallis [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] and he there being Exposed night and day was attacked with a Severe Fit of the Rhumatism & Swelling in the feet & Legs not withstanding he performed duty tho in much Pain untill near the Close of the Siege at length he became unable to move without assistance which continued untill he was Carried home the Swelling continued untill one of his legs bursted you Petitioner ever since has been unable to Support his Family and now having spent what little he had before accumulated Humbly Prais that your Hhbl’e. Body will take his case under your mature deliberation & grant him Such Relief as to you shall appear reasonable and your Petitioner Shall pray &c Tilman Huffman

Andrew Deer & Martin Deer [see endnote] this day made oath before me James Barbour a justice of the Peace for the County of Madison that they March’d down in Company with Tilman Huffman to the Seige of York from the County of Culpeper as Militia Soldiers & that toward the Close of the Seige they frequently heard the s’d Huffman complain of being unable to walk & that when the Militia returned he was left behind unable to march up Certified under my hand this 1st day of November 1794 Jas. Barbour

John Breedlove [pension application S2102] this day made Oath before me James Barbour a justice of the Peace for the County of Madison that he with Tilman Huffman were Militia Soldiers & march’d from the County of Culpeper to the Seige of York & was at the Capture of Cornwallis & about the time of the surrender he heard the s’d. Huffman Complain of a sweld foot & leg & that he was not able to move without assistance which he often gave him & after the return of the s’d. Huffman he says his Leg bursted & became very bad sore & is so to this day Certified under my hand this 1st day of Nov’r. 1794 Jas. Barbour

To the Honorable Speaker & Gent’n of the House of Delegates

The petition Tilman Huffman of the County of Madison Humbly sheweth, that your petitioner was called on to perform a tour of duty in the Malitia from the County of Culpeper in the fall of the year 1781 In consequence of which he marched to the siege of York Town and there was taken sick and a pane settled in one of his ancles and from that a large sore broake out which continues so bad that he is not able to Labour to procure himself a subsistance and he has no one to Labour for him your petitioner Humbly prayeth that your Honorable body will be pleased to take his case into consideration and grant him such relief as in your wisdom shall seem Just & Right and your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c Tilman Huffman

Madison County  to Wit

This day Martain Deer came before me Henry Hill a Justice of the Peace for the af’d County and made Oath that Tilman Huffman was caled on to do a Tour of Duty in the Militia from the County of Culpeper in the Fall of the year 1781 and marched to the Seage of York and appeared to be a well hardy man but before he was discharged he was taken with a pane in his ankle and cold not march and that he
was put into a waggon, and his ankle continued to grow worse and is at this time so bad with a sore that he is not able to do his plantation business, certified by me this 31 day of Oct 1795. H Hill

[Andrew Deer made a nearly identical statement.]

Nov'r 13/ Claims/ Rejected/ Report made out

NOTE: In his own pension application S8311 Martin Deer stated that he “reached home the 24th or 25th of June 1781 and never afterwards entered the army.”